

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 458

By Fowler

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate McCallie School's headmaster, student body, alumni, faculty, and staff on the occasion of the school's 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary educational institutions that have made significant contributions, through an abiding commitment to excellence, to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, McCallie School is most assuredly one such noteworthy institution; over the past one hundred years, McCallie School has produced outstanding graduates who have excelled in all walks of life and has remained a pillar of educational excellence since its founding in 1905; and

WHEREAS, committed to providing an outstanding college preparatory program for boys, McCallie School was founded upon Christian principles and is still administered in that manner without affiliation to any church organization; and

WHEREAS, founded by Spencer Jarnagin McCallie and James Park McCallie with the help of their father Reverend T. H. McCallie, McCallie School derives its motto from the Westminster Confession, "Man's chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever"; and

WHEREAS, recently deemed "one of the leading secondary educational institutions in the United States" by the *Atlanta Journal/Constitution*, McCallie is nationally recognized for its innovative educational programs and its overall standards of excellence; and

WHEREAS, with a school-wide SAT average of 1249 among its student body, McCallie produces graduates who are accepted to premier colleges throughout this nation; and

WHEREAS, located on Missionary Ridge in Chattanooga, McCallie School has one of the highest percentages of National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists and Commended Students in the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, evincing a strong commitment to community service, McCallie School students learn about their duty and moral obligation to help those less fortunate than themselves; and

WHEREAS, not solely committed to the intellectual and moral development of its students, McCallie School requires its students to participate in athletics and offers fourteen varsity sports; and

WHEREAS, after three generations of McCallie family members guiding the school as headmaster, it is now ably led by McCallie alumnus and present Headmaster, Dr. Robert Kirk Walker, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, McCallie has provided a quality education to some of our finest and most capable young people who have gone on to become leaders in their cities and states and who have achieved success in many different areas of life; and

WHEREAS, serving as a testament to its educational excellence, McCallie School alumni include, Ted Turner, Vice-President of Time-Warner, Inc.; Howard Baker, Jr., former U.S. Senate Majority Leader and White House Chief of Staff; Ralph E. McGill, late Pulitzer Prize winning editor of the *Atlanta Constitution*; Olan Mills, Chairman of the Board of Olan Mills Studios; Dr. James R. Killiam, late President and Chairman of Massachusetts Institution of Technology; Carroll Campbell, Jr., former Governor of South Carolina; G. V. "Sonny" Montgomery, former member of the U. S. House of Representatives from Mississippi; Zach Wamp, current member of the U. S. House of Representatives from Tennessee; J. Louis Reynolds, late Chairman of the Board of Reynolds International and Executive Vice-President of Reynolds Metals; Charles Battle, Vice-President of the Atlanta Olympic Committee; and James B. Williams, President and CEO of Sun Trust Banks; and

WHEREAS, McCallie School has also produced three illustrious members of the 104th General Assembly: Senator Ward Crutchfield, Senator Douglas Henry, and Senator David Fowler; and

WHEREAS, through the steadfast support of the greater Chattanooga community and parental support, McCallie School continues to be a bastion of excellence in academics and in life, molding young minds into the scholars and leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause to recognize and celebrate the 100th anniversary of McCallie School; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate McCallie School's headmaster, student body, alumni, faculty, and staff on the occasion of the school's 100th anniversary and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.